

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 268

By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Ewing Jackson Threet of Manchester.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Ewing Jackson Threet; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ewing Jackson Threet was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ewing J. Threet served with acumen and alacrity as a dentist in Manchester for fifty-two years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and patients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean born in Rutherford County on August 12, 1926, Ewing Threet was the son of James Herbert Threet and Dera Wood Threet; and

WHEREAS, a member of our nation's greatest generation, Ewing Jackson Threet proudly served in the United States Navy from 1944-1946 during World War II; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee-Memphis and a former Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Ewing J. Threet was a highly esteemed member of the dental profession, having served as President, Vice President, and Secretary of the 4th District Dental Association and as the State Legislative Chairman of the Tennessee Dental Association; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in his community, Dr. Threet was Chairman of the Board of Directors and one of the founding members of Coffee County Bank, and also served as a board member of Home Federal Savings & Loan, holding the position of Secretary to the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, offering his acumen to benefit public service in 1960, Ewing Jackson Threet won election to the State Senate as a member of the 82nd Tennessee General Assembly,

representing Coffee, Bedford, and Moore Counties from 1961 to 1963; he was later elected to return to Nashville as a delegate to the 1965 Tennessee Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, honored by the University of Tennessee Space Institute as a “founding father” in 2005, Dr. Threet played a key role in helping to establish the graduate school and research center; having pledged his support for the school throughout his lifetime, he was rightfully acknowledged as a “lifetime member” of the Institute’s Support Council; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Threet was an active and devout member of the Main Street Church of Christ, where he served faithfully for many years and was formerly an elder; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife of sixty years, Ann Beachboard Threet, and their three devoted children: daughter Diane Vaughn and her husband, Doug; son Stephen Threet and his wife, Ruthe; and son James H. Threet III; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ewing J. Threet is also survived by five grandchildren, two step grandsons, one great-grandchild, and two step great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ewing Jackson Threet leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Ewing Jackson Threet, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Ewing Jackson Threet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.